



Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization News

February 2019

Ed's Note: We are pleased to note that this edition of the newsletter has reports on two clinics, part of the ODEEO's continuing education projects. Other clinics will be held later in the year. See the calendar of events at the end of this newsletter for the schedule.

SPRING ENDURANCE CLINIC

Karen Wade will host a spring Endurance 201 Clinic at her farm in Winchester on Saturday May 4–Sunday May 5. It will be an opportunity to camp with your horse, practice riding endurance-style trails, and pick the brains of experienced endurance riders. It will also be an appropriate venue for introducing a new or young horse to camping, strange horses, and unfamiliar trails in a relaxed, non-competitive setting.

When you arrive Saturday morning, volunteers will be available to assist you if you're new to horse-camping. Once you're set up, you can check out examples of endurance tack and equipment, practice the vetting procedure, ride the approximately 5 miles of marked trails (with or without an experienced mentor), and snoop around other people's campsites to see what creative ideas you can copy!

Sunday morning you can pack up and leave right away if you've learned everything you need to know, but we hope that you'll stay and go out for another ride! For more information, contact Karen at kew@shentel.et or (540) 877-2371.

DRAG RIDER CLINIC

Twelve people attended the drag rider clinic February 16 at TriCounty Feeds in Marshall, Virginia, organized by Duane Martin. Experience levels ranged from a new rider just looking into endurance to experienced trail riders and even some experienced endurance competitors who want to give back to the sport by drag riding instead of competing.



Drag rider horse ready to go out

The goals of the clinic were to give participants an understanding of the role of drag riders out on trail and the techniques used so that the drag rider's role is consistent at all OD rides. The fundamentals and general procedures were covered first, followed by the individual characteristics of each Old Dominion ride (the April No Frills, the June OD, and the October Fort Valley). After the basics, guest speaker Dr. Sarah Fletcher discussed medical considerations of both rider and horse on the trail and at vet checks. Emphasis was placed on first preventing crises from occurring and second reducing the

seriousness of situations and transforming emergencies to urgent or lesser conditions.

Since communications are central to the drag rider toolset, we reviewed how to use the OD radios and then dispersed throughout TriCounty Feeds to use them when out of sight of each other. Other hands-on opportunities were putting an EasyBoot on a hoof, fitting an emergency splint to an arm, and examining the contents of the saddle pack carried by one of our elite drag riders. Time was spent deciphering topographic maps marked with our trails, understanding the transport system used to move drag riders to remote vet checks, and taking a look at the overall schedule for a ride. The seminar culminated in a discussion of a “Day in the Life” of a drag rider. For more details, check out this link:

<http://olddominionequestrianeurance.org/clinic-graphics/2019-Drag-Rider-Clinic-long-version.pdf>

NO FRILLS WORK DAYS SCHEDULED

Ride manager Diane Connell has scheduled two work days to get the away vet check and trails ready for the No Frills Ride, to be held April 19 and 20. The first work day will be on March 2, weather permitting, and will involve cleaning up the away vet check. The second is scheduled for March 9 and will focus on trail clearing by horseback. Please let Diane know at dconnolly24@gmail.com if you can volunteer at either or both.



Clearing the away vet check for last year’s No Frills ride

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Terri McIntyre-Wall moved to Virginia from Houston, Texas, two years ago and immediately began volunteering at OD rides, as a way to both meet our members and learn our rides. She has been riding for over 45 years—everything from western to dressage and recently chose to transition to endurance. She also has an extensive background in event planning, production, and budget management, having been an Executive Director at the Grammy Awards and Continental Airlines. Terri’s intent is to “support the OD with event design, synchronization, and organization that will ensure efficiency and harmony, and encourage new members too.”



Terri Wall and her PRE Andalusian mare Pilar

2019 RAFFLE HORSE

Truthful is a 4-year-old bay mare, shown on the next page at age 3, height 15.1. Her sire Syndicat (Bandjo de Falgas × BHR Tamersyn by *Tamerlan) is a Russian/French/Crabbet stallion with great conformation, whose **get** are proving to be outstanding and durable in the sport of endurance. Her dam is Truuly (Stratagem × Trojkaa by *Moment). Truthful is a high-quality mare, and her temperament is ideal. At age 4, she is ready to begin her riding career right away!

Raffle tickets are available from any ODEEO Board members at any time. You can also order them by emailing Jack Weber at

fortvalleyrider@gmail.com or buying them from him at any ride. Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25, or 5 for \$40 (best deal). Please make checks payable to the Old Dominion Equine Endurance Organization.



Truthful at age 3

RAFFLE SADDLE

This year the ODEEO has a second raffle to offer as a fundraiser—a saddle. The winner will be drawn at the annual OD Christmas party on December 7, but you don't have to be present to win. See or email Evelyn Baig to get your tickets, which are \$5 each or five for \$20. She can be found at all OD rides or reached at Baige73@hotmail.com.



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2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 2—No Frills vet check clearing (weather permitting – otherwise March 9)
- March 9—No Frills trail clearing on horseback
- March 9—BOARD meeting
- April 13—BOARD meeting
- April 19–20—No Frills Ride (Fri and Sat) w/intro ride
- May 4–5—Endurance 201 Clinic (Sat and Sun)
- May 11—meeting/work day at base camp
- June 7–8—Old Dominion Rides (Fri and Sat) w/intro ride
- July 13—post-ride meeting
- July 27–28—Ride & Tie Clinic Weekend (Sat and Sun)
- August—no meeting
- September 14—BOARD meeting
- September 28—Endurance 201 Clinic – Karen Wade
- October 18–19—Fort Valley I and II (Fri and Sat)
- November—no meeting
- Dec 7—Annual Meeting and Party

